GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CYCLONE IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Super Cyclone had hit Orissa on 29.10.1999 and the same caused immense loss and unprecedented damage to properties and life and the Government considered that a calamity of rare severity and proposed to treat that calamity to be handled at national level;

(b) whether even after nearly three years the plight of the people has not improved;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to redeem the plight of the people;

(d) the amount sanctioned for the natural disaster management in the State and the amount spent so far; and

(e) the extent to which the benefits have accrued to the affected people thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (e): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to provide relief to the affected people in the wake of natural disasters. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government. In the case of the Super Cyclone which hit Orissa on 29th October, 1999, Central Government had provided an assistance of Rs. 828.15 crore from National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) besides release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of Rs. 42.50 crore for the year 1999-2000. The Centra Government also coordinated the national efforts in providing relief to the affected people of Orissa. The Government of Orissa has set up the Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority (OSDMA) and distribution of relief on ground is to be undertaken by the State Government.